

Earth Surface and Interior Focus Area

OMB Performance Metrics

Enable 30 Day volcanic Eruption Forecasts with > 50% confidence by 2014

Enable estimation of earthquake likelihood in North American plate boundary with > 50% confidence by 2014

ESI Strategic Goals-

1. What is the nature of deformation at plate boundaries and what are the implications for earthquake hazards?
2. How do tectonics and climate interact to shape the Earth's surface and create natural hazards?
3. What are the interactions among ice masses, oceans, and the solid Earth and their implications for sea level change?
4. How do magmatic systems evolve and under what conditions do volcanoes erupt?
5. What are the dynamics of the mantle and crust and how does the Earth's surface respond?
6. What are the dynamics of the Earth's magnetic field and its interactions with the Earth system?

ESI Achievements in FY05

GRACE: 1st Time Variable Gravity & Mass Flux

Earthquake Forecasting
16 of 17 Earthquakes

SRTM
1st Uniform Global Topography

ESI Component Programs

Space Geodesy
Celestial Ref Frame
Terrestrial Ref Frame
Earth Rotation
Crustal Dynamics

Natural Hazards
Predictive Models
Remote Sensing
Natural Laboratories

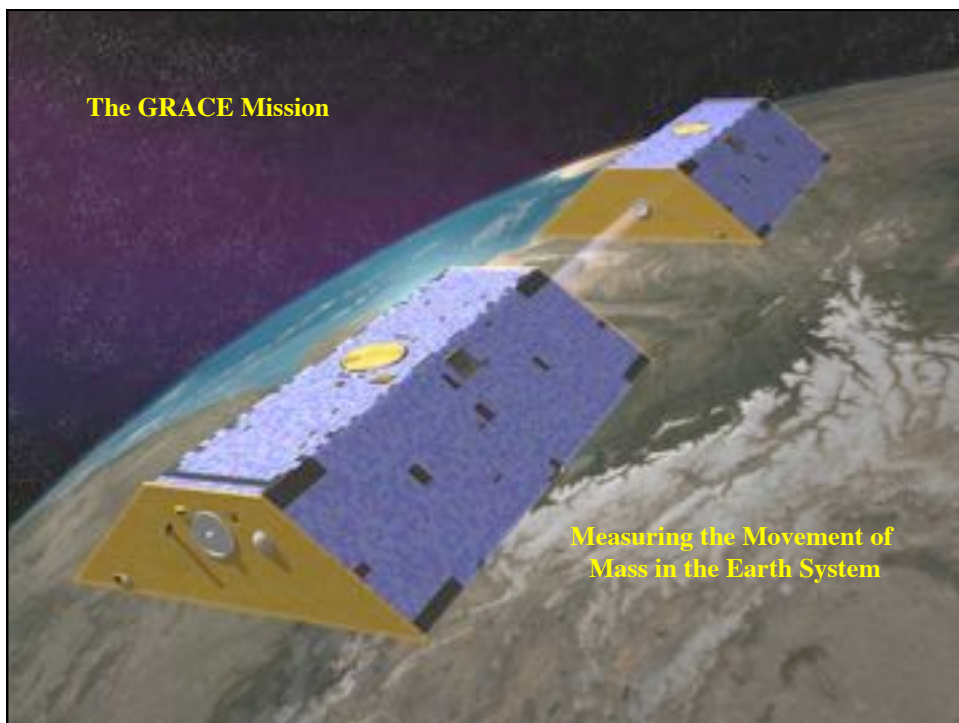
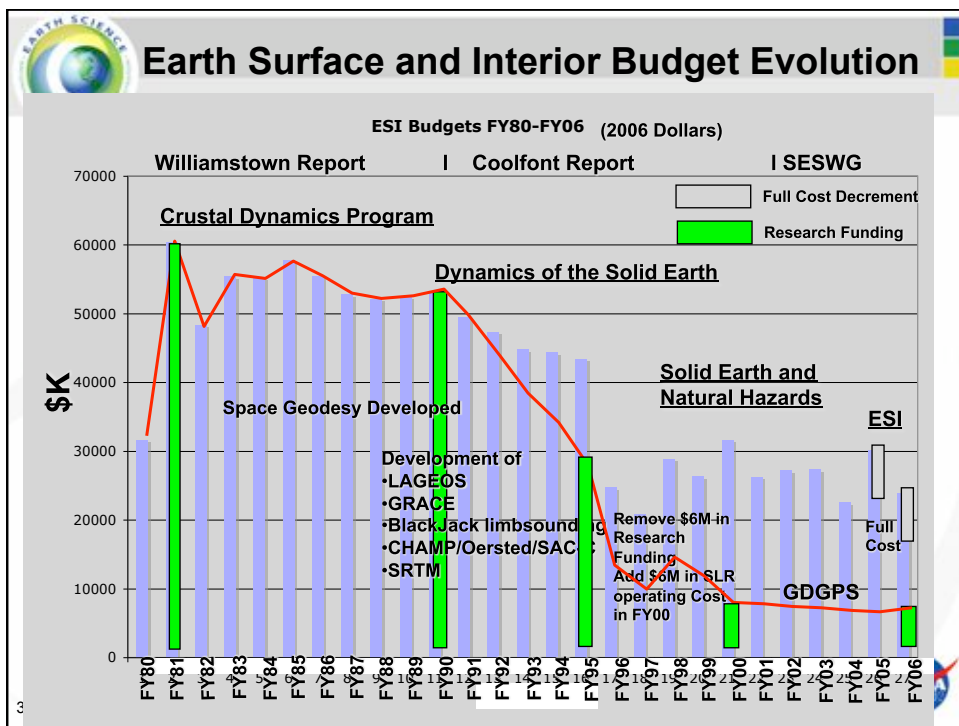
Planetary Interior
Geomagnetic Models
Gravity Models
Geodynamic Models

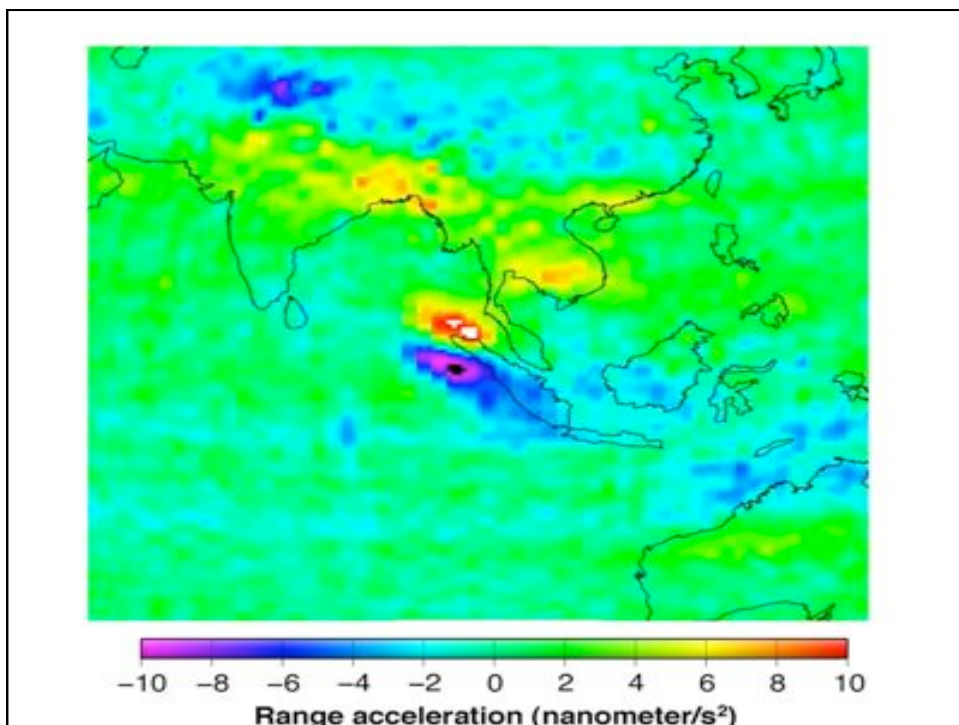
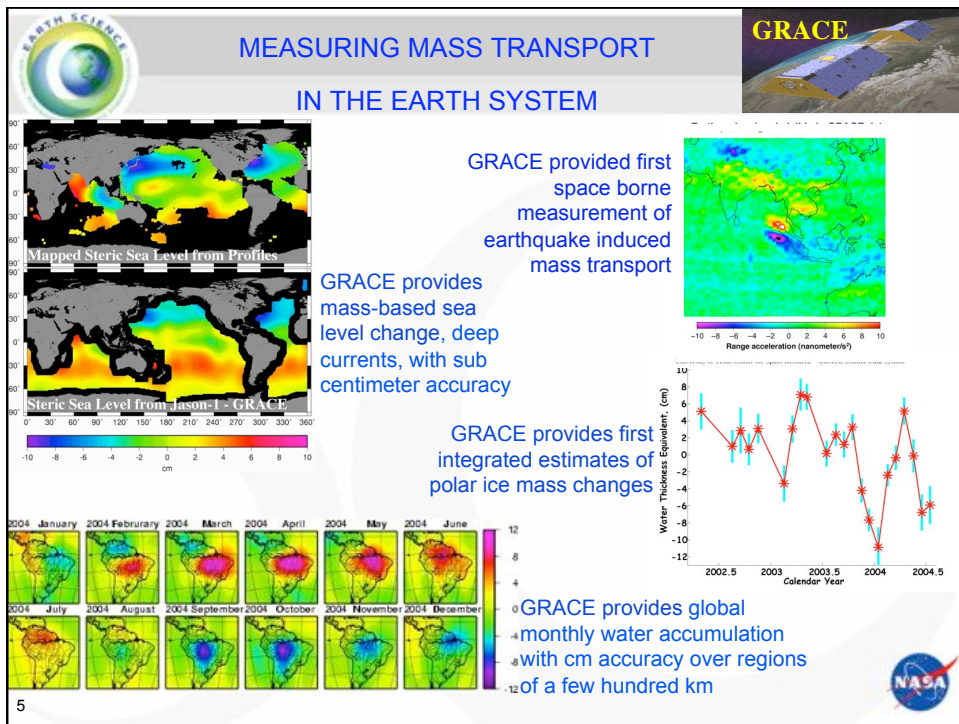
ESI Strategic Priorities

Develop Geodetic Imaging
Approach: Restless Planet Initiative

Renew Geodetic Observing System
Approach: Follow Garnet Proposal with GGOS

Expand Geopotential Field Exploration
Approach: Technology Development & Partnerships (International, DoD, Focus Areas)





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Objectives
Develop a solid Earth science framework in order to better understand active tectonic and earthquake processes · Construct a fully interoperable system of tools for studying these processes.

GeoFEST uses stress-displacement finite elements to model stress and flow in a realistic model of the Earth's crust and upper mantle in a complex region such as the Los Angeles Basin.

PARK is a boundary element program that determines the stress on every element of the fault surface due to slip on every other element, using a Green's function approach.

Virtual California is a code that utilizes the Monte Carlo method in order to generate simulated, realistic earthquakes on an arbitrary fault surface mesh.



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